Subject: Charles Dickens Centennary Medal (die)

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Mr. L. Baumen Belden,
c/o American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 166th St., City.

Dear Sir:

The Dickens Centenary Committee having charge of the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens, had struck a medal in honor of the occasion. Five hundred copies of the medal were made in bronze, and have been practically disposed of.

It has been suggested that your Society might act as custodian for the original die. I have no personal knowledge, but if such is the fact, the Banquet Committee of which I was Chairman, would take pleasure in forwarding the die to you; also, one of the bronze medals.

Kindly advise me, and also, if you accept the trust, let me know where to send the medal and die.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

J. Woolsey Shepard

JWS/CL

March 21st, 1912.

Mr. J. Woolsey Shepard,
111 Broadway,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter of March 19th regarding the dies of the medal struck in honor of the Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens.

This Society would gladly accept the custody of the dies of this medal and would also be very glad to be able to place one of the bronze medals in its collection. I presume that your idea would be simply to deposit the dies in the keeping of the Society, and your Committee retaining the ownership of them.

We have received a number of dies under these terms, and many that have been given outright to the Society.

Should you decide to send them here they can be sent at any time addressed to the Society as above.

Very sincerely yours,

Director.